

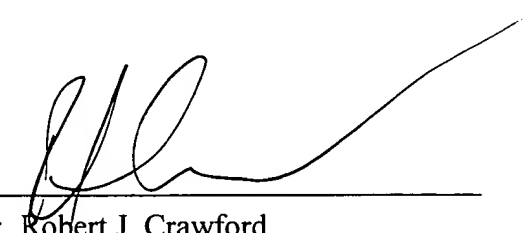
rejected as being unpatentable over *Kubler et al.* in view of *Focsaneanu et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,610,910), the latter of which was not included with the August 14 Office Action. Although the undersigned has briefly reviewed sections of this '910 patent electronically (and responds below based on this partial review), Applicant requests that a copy of the '910 patent be mailed to Applicant per 35 U.S.C. 132 and subsequent opportunity to buttress the related discussion provided below.

Each of the independent claims has been amended to more clearly indicate the intent of the claim language and thereby more clearly distinguishing over the cited references, taken alone or in combination. Using claim 1 as a representative claim, the invention set forth now requires that the interface unit be adapted to receive telephony information that designates a telephonic communication addressee, and that the processing unit analyze the telephony information and, in response to the analysis, to determine how to direct the telephony information, as specified in the claim. The Office Action acknowledges that the '984 reference does not teach such automatic functionality, and Applicant's brief review of the '910 reference indicates that it is also lacking in regard to this teaching.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that each of the claims is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, along with a favorable response, are earnestly requested.

Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 651/686-6633.

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